

In response to the Office Action of July 3, 2002, please amend the above referenced application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A confectionery product comprising:

(i) one or more salivation regions comprising a salivation agent in an amount effective to aid in the stimulation of the flow of saliva in an oral cavity and a salivation region confectionery base; and

(ii) one or more oral comfort regions comprising an oral comfort ingredient in an amount effective to lubricate, coat or moisten said oral cavity and an oral comfort region confectionery base,

wherein the salivation agent is not uniformly distributed throughout the product but is concentrated in the one or more salivation regions maintained as discrete and separate regions to enhance salivation,

and the oral comfort ingredient is concentrated in the one or more oral comfort regions.

22. (New) The confectionery product of claim 1, consisting essentially of one salivation region and one oral comfort region.

23. (New) A confectionery product comprising: